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Enjoy this
issue of the
Padre
Beacon 😊
Hope you
have a good
laugh!!!

Upcoming Events

Calendar Events
January:
Sealants for Smiles
14th
Padre Life 4-5 16th
No School 19th
Martin Luther King
Day 19th
End of Second
Quarter 23rd
Padre Life 6-8 30th
Awards 9:00 a.m.

Principal's Corner

The holiday dinner was delicious and very fun to eat as a family. The ham and mashed potatoes were very good. Ms. Erica and Ms. Rose did a wonderful job cooking and the middle school did a great job setting and cleaning up. For Christmas, Mrs. Andres stayed home and had Christmas with all her family. She had 33 cousins and their parents over for Christmas. They even got to go ice skating. Mrs. Andre's favorite present was having her daughter come home from college. Her break was very good and she had a great family filled vacation. For New Years, she watched Dick Clark's "Rocking New Years" and her kids had some friends over. Mrs. Andres also housed 2 students from Japan when they were visiting the Big Sky Eagle wrestling team. She said it was very exciting to learn about their cultures. Mrs. Andres does not like the snow. She said it is too hard to drive in. Due to this, she doesn't ski or snowboard. The concert was good. K-5 students sang loud and clear. They looked adorable. The 6-8 band and choir was GREAT! She was amazed at all the solos. It was just amazing.



Music Concert



Holiday Dinner

HELPFUL HEALTHY HINTS



Helpful Healthy Hints

Dear DeSmet families,
2015

January

A new year often surfaces reflection on us and our life. This month's Helpful Healthy Hints focus is on gratitude. So often we compare ourselves with others; whether it is a super cool toy, a better job, an activity, an exam, a paycheck, its human nature to have a competitive edge. However, we need to remember to place our attention on what we *DO* have, not on what we don't have. Most importantly, have gratitude for just being alive.

A few good quotes on this notion:

"The happiest people don't have the best of everything; they make the best of everything." ~Unknown

"Keep some room in your heart for the unimaginable."

~Mary Oliver

Wishing you and your family a fantastic 2015. Happy New Year!

Be well and healthy,

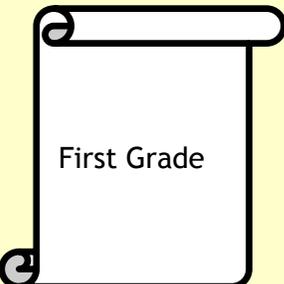
Ms. Jules

Class News

Kindergarten

Ms. Jackson says that her class is awesome and that the kids are eager to learn and that they are starting to write in journals and practicing handwriting.

For math, the kids are learning how to add all the way up to 10 and for reading; the kids are just reading all kinds of children books, such as The Ginger Bread Man and Three Little Pigs.

First Grade

Ms. Pettit's class is doing fun stuff like making snowmen and talking about snowmen. They are finding the unknown factor for math this month.

Her class is learning how to read long vowel sounds. They are reading about Ruby the Brave, an African American girl who has to go to an all-white school and the adults didn't like it but the kids didn't care. The project they're doing this month is mostly about snowmen. They are writing about how to treat people fairly, following Dr. Luther King's lead.

Second Grade

In reading, the 2nd graders are reading a fable about how familiar things can help them with changes. For science, they are finishing learning about forms of matter; solids, liquids, and gas. They are doing algebra and equations to represent subtraction in math. Ms. Ebbs says that she loves all the kids in her class and that they are all quiet and smart. She says that all the kids behave pretty well. They are going to be reading their biography reports to their parents that they have been working on for several weeks. For the science fair they are going to do a project on different types of soil. Ms. Ebbs says that she thinks everyone is having fun in her class. She says there is never a dull moment in 2nd grade. They are working daily on the I-Pads doing coding and math.

Third Grade

In 3rd grade math, they are learning to divide and multiply. In science, they are learning about water cycle and different forms of water. In social studies they are learning about presidents.

Fourth Grade

Over the Christmas break, Mrs. B went skiing and she said it was very cold and beautiful outside. She also relaxed and hung out with her daughter and other family members. They got a family picture and she said it was a very fun break.

In class, they are doing the trapper trunk with different animal skins and a lot of different fun things. At the end, they are going to have a rendezvous and trade beads with each other. They are also going to the Symphony at the U of M January 30th. For reading they are reading the book "Stepping on the Cracks." They are also about to learn about the Underground Railroad.

Her class is very energetic, noisy, and most importantly, bright. They are working through math and reading. They are struggling with it but they are working through it the best they can.

Fifth Grade

In math, the fifth graders are getting ready to multiply decimals. In social studies, they are creating their own cultures. In science, they are talking about classifying organisms. In language arts, they are starting a new novel called Half-Moon. Mr. Feely said he had a good Christmas break and he was able to relax and spend time with his family. They are starting a ten million word challenge.

Middle School

The sixth grade is building a pyramid and learning about Egypt in social studies and has taken a test in science. Seventh and eighth grade have finished their Greek god and goddess projects in history and have learned about Charles Darwin.

Elementary school Students of the Month



Rex

The Student of the Month in Kindergarten is Rex. His favorite dessert is Hawaii, and if he could choose between hot chocolate and apple cider, he would choose hot chocolate. If he was famous, he would be famous for money. If he could give one gift to every kid in the world, he would give them a food maker. His favorite place to go is Las Vegas.

The Student of the Month in 1st grade is Aeden. His favorite dessert is ice cream and cookies. If he could choose between hot chocolate and apple cider, he would choose both. If he was famous, he would be famous for playing soccer. If he could give one gift to every kid in the world, he would give them whatever they want, and his favorite place to go is school.



Aeden

The Student of the Month in 2nd grade is Ismerai. Her favorite dessert is pizza, and if she could choose between hot chocolate and apple cider, she would choose apple cider. If she was famous, she would be famous for snowboarding. If she could give one gift to every kid in the world, she would give them a bike, and her favorite place to go is Arizona.

The Student of the Month in 3rd grade is Shawna. Her favorite dessert is ice cream, and if she could choose between hot chocolate and apple cider, she would choose hot chocolate. If she was famous, she would be famous for being a pop star. If she could give one gift to every kid in the world, she would give those clothes, and her favorite place to go is the mall.



Ismerai



Shawna



Braxton

The Student of the Month in 4th grade is Aiden. His favorite dessert is ice cream, and if he could choose between hot chocolate and apple cider, he would choose hot

chocolate. If he was famous, he would be famous for being a naturalist. If he could give one kid to every kid in the world, he would give them a toy, and his favorite place to go is Dairy Queen.

The Student of the Month in 5th grade is Braxton Boyles. His favorite dessert is Oreos, and if he could choose between hot chocolate and apple cider, he would choose apple cider. If he was famous, he would be famous for skateboarding. If he could give one gift to every kid in the world, he would give them a skateboard, and his favorite place to go is Indiana.



Aiden

Middle school students of the month

This month's middle school students of the month are Madison, Bailey, and Zach.

Q: "Would you rather skip forward to high school or go back to any grade you wanted to in elementary? Why?"

Bailey: "I would rather go back to kindergarten because there are nap times, less drama, and more recesses."

Zach: "I would skip to high school because then I could see my older friends."

Maddy: "I would rather skip to high school because then I would get out of school sooner and get a job."

Q: "Would you rather be able to solve any math problem in the world or be the fastest reader in the world and still be able to comprehend everything? Why?"

Bailey: "I would rather be able to solve every math problem in the world because I believe it is more important than reading; but, reading is important as well."

Zach: "I would rather be the faster reader because I already like reading so, why not read faster?"

Maddy: "I would rather be able to solve any math problem because I read a lot better than I can solve math problems so then I wouldn't have so much work to do as I do now."

Q: "Do you like math or reading/language arts better? Why?"

Bailey: "I like math better because it is fun and I think it is more important."

Zach: "I like reading well because reading is great stress reliever."

Maddy: "I like reading more because I really like to read and it makes me feel like I can do anything I set my mind to."

Q: "What language would you like to learn/speak fluently in the future? Why?"

Bailey: "I would either learn more Spanish or French because my cousins can speak them, and it would just be fun."



Maddison



Zach

Zach: "I would learn German because I am from German heritage."

Maddy: "I would like to be able to speak French because it is really cool and I think it would be fun to be able to speak another language fluently."



Teacher of the month

The teacher of the month is Mr. Chambers. He teaches the visual art curriculum at DeSmet.

He likes how all of the students are very hard and talented workers. He like to see how all of the students take great pride in their work. Mr. Chambers said that it is hard to choose a favorite topic between the subjects that he teaches, but overall, he enjoys art the best.

Mr. Chambers likes to spend time with his family, and explore the wild side of Montana such as hiking, camping, hunting, and skiing. He also likes rebuilding and restoring old cars and motorcycles.

He likes how honest and hard working most of his students are, and how they respect him and other students.

Mr. Chambers has been an amazing edition to this school and is a really great and funny guy. we enjoyed having him here for the past two years. He has made art fun for all grades.

Library

Mrs. Keyes was sick over the holiday, so she ended up spending a lot of time with her family. When she was felt well, they went downhill and cross country skiing. Her favorite seasons are fall and spring. She likes teaching Spanish, but also like's teaching math and social studies. Mrs. Keyes likes swimming and running, and for team sports, she likes soccer and football.

P.E.

Ms. Knutson picked this job because she liked/wanted to work with kids. The 6 through 8 grades are learning about healthy relationships. The Kindergarten through 5th grades are learning to jump rope. Ms. Knutson's favorite season is fall. When Ms. Knutson has time to herself, she likes to run, ride bikes, and play basketball. Ms. Knutson has 4 classes a day. Ms. Knutson's favorite animal is a bear. Ms. Knutson's favorite sports are basketball and cross country.

Music

The Kindergarten through fifth grade students are learning how to sing karaoke and what A Capella is. The sixth grade band is continuing to learn their notes and improving their skills. The seventh and eighth grade band is learning songs for the Jefferson county mix up. The seventh and eight choir class is working on karaoke and proper microphone usage. They are going to be working on spring concert songs soon.

Title I

I asked Mrs. Ginn and Ms. Maloney what they did over the holiday and Mrs. Ginn said "that she soaked at the hot spring, watched movies, and looked at the beautiful snow". She also spent some quality time with her family and friends. Ms. Maloney went to Florida and went paddle boarding and kayaking. Mrs. Ginn's favorite subject is reading and Ms. Maloney's favorite subject is P.E. and reading.

Resource room

Mrs. Vandalsen's favorite subject is math. I asked Mrs. Vandalsen what she did over the break she said that "she spent time with her grandson and spent time with her adult children. She also caught up on all of her favorite T.V. shows, such as *Elementary*.

Jokes

Q: What happens to a frog's car when it breaks down?

A: It gets toad away.

Q: How do you count cows?

A: With a cowculator.

Q: What do you call a pig that does karate?

A: A pork chop.

Q: What do you call a rabbit that has fleas?

A: Bugs bunny.

Survey

This month's survey was based from who people want to win the Super Bowl. There were 4 choices. These choices are Green Bay Packers, The New England Patriots, Indianapolis Colts, and the Seattle Sea Hawks. 29 people chose Seattle. That was the most. Then second was Green Bay. Third was the New England Patriots. For the last vote was the Colts.



Patriots WIN!!!

Cartoon people

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 DAFFYDUCK
 LEELA
 OLIVE
 POPEYE
 ROADRUNNER
 SPONGEBOB

BENDER
 FRY
 MICKEYMOUSE
 PATRICK
 PORKYPIG
 SANDY
 SQUIDWARD

BUGGSBUNNY
 JERRY
 MINNYSMOUSE
 PLUTO
 PROFESSOR
 SPEEDY
 TOM

Birthdays

December

Ryan Herr 8th

Annalise Michels 17th

Chance Shulzitski 17th



January

Shawna Evans 4th

Devin Hureauux 21st

Alexa Craft 23rd

Tanner Collins 24th

Eileen Cherry 26th

Maile Kai Mannel 27th

Kyle Jenson 28th



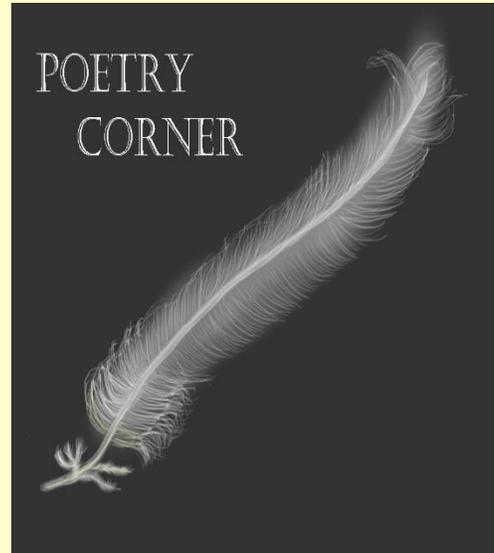
Poetry Corner

Loom of life
Man's life is laid in the loom of time
To a pattern he does not see
While the weavers work and the shuttles fly
Till the dawn of eternity

Some shuttles are filled with silver threads
And some with threads of gold while
Often but darker hues
Are all that they may hold

But the weaver watches with skillful eye
Each shuttle flies to and fro,
And sees the pattern, so deftly wrought
As the loom moves sure and slow

God surely planned the pattern:
Each thread, the dark and fair,
Is chosen by his master skill
And placed in the web with care.



Special teacher
You're a very special teacher
You're really #1
You have taught me
So many things
And made learning
A whole lot of fun!

Not only are you smart
You're kind and nice too
I have never had
A teacher
Quite as special as
You